



# **CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

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# FEDERAL PROGRAM & GRANTS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023



# CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE FEDERAL DELEGATION



U.S. Senator Rick Scott



U.S. Congressman Brian Mast




U.S. Senator Marco Rubio



A photograph showing a portion of a dark-stained wooden door on the left, featuring a brass handle and a small brass plate with the word 'PULL'. To the right of the door is a wall with a light-colored, veined marble pattern. Mounted on the wall is a rectangular sign with a black background, a gold border, and a white outer frame. The sign contains white text and a small icon.

# COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS HEARING ROOM

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# Federal Appropriations Secured & Pending



## Appropriations Secured

- St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Project at McCarty Ranch – Area 5: \$324,483
- Port St. Lucie Boulevard South – Segment 2.2: \$2,000,000

## • 2024 Appropriations Pending

- **SW California Boulevard: \$2,000,000**





# FY 25 Proposed Appropriations



- **Port St Lucie Boulevard Segment 2.2**
- **SW California Boulevard**
- **St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Project**
- **Improvements to Jessica Clinton Park**



# Other Key Federal Requests

- SOUTHERN GROVE JOBS CORRIDOR
- CITY CENTER REVITALIZATION
- **VETERAN'S MENTAL HEALTH**
- **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM**
- **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) GRANT PROGRAM**
- **PARKS & RECREATION: OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM**
- **REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT REQUEST TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE GREEN DRIVE**
- **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) APPLICATION**
- EVERGLADES RESTORATION
- COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE ZONES





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## 2023 FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

### National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

#### **ACTION NEEDED**

*We urge Congress to advocate for a long-term NFIP reauthorization package that provides:*

- . Affordability for existing and future policyholders
- . More accurate flood mapping
- . Resiliency incentives.

### Simplifying Local Government Grants

#### **ACTION NEEDED**

We urge Congress to support legislation that simplifies the process for local governments to apply for federal grants.



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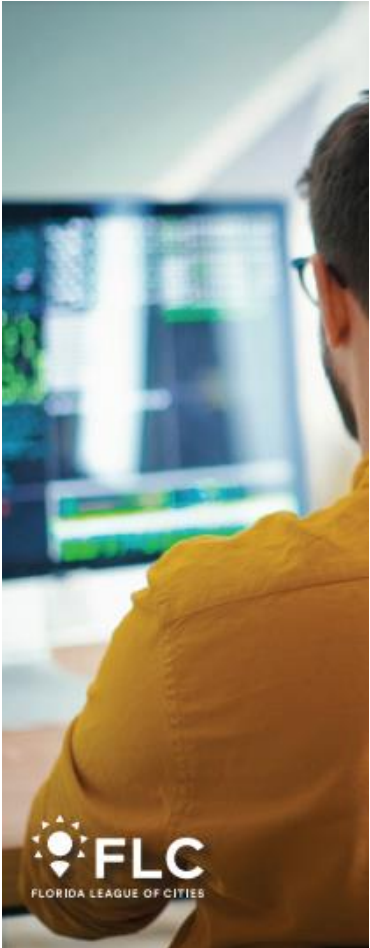
### Cybersecurity Funding

The Florida League of Cities supports federal funding for technical assistance, threat assessments, employee training, infrastructure improvements and data protection to help cities better prepare for the next cyberattack. Specifically, FLC urges Congress and the administration to broaden the eligibility of this grant program so that cities can apply directly to the Department of Homeland Security for this funding.

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Florida League of Cities urges Congress to fully fund CDBG and supports the flexible use of

CDBG funds to address certain immediate and unanticipated needs for its communities.







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## 2023 FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

### **Tax Exemption for Municipal Bonds**

The Florida League of Cities supports the right of cities to issue governmental debt for essential public services by marketing bonds to investors with interest on such bonds remaining totally exempt from federal taxation. Just as federal debt is exempt from local taxes, municipal governments vigorously oppose any action in the context of tax reform or deficit reduction that would directly or indirectly tax, under the federal income tax, interest on state or local government municipal bonds or would place these bonds in an inferior competitive position with federal debt instruments and corporate securities. Florida's municipalities oppose restrictions that would drive up the cost of issuing tax-exempt bonds and endorse simplifications that would ease existing burdensome restrictions on tax-exempt financing.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Loan Interest Relief**

The Florida League of Cities supports legislation that would require FEMA to reimburse local governments for interest incurred on loans used to restore essential functions after natural disasters.



# Grants Update



**U.S. Department  
of Transportation**

- Awarded \$50,140,050 in state and federal grants to date this fiscal year
- Grants are addressed collaboratively through the Grants & Advocacy Team
- Key Federal and State Grants Awarded:
  - FDEP Water Protection Grant – Westport Wastewater Treatment Facility Nutrient Reduction Improvements (\$15 Million)
  - Resilient Florida – Force Main Interconnect for Wastewater Treatment (\$8,762,155)
  - RAISE Grant – Village Green Corridor (\$2 Million)
  - Recreational Trails Program Grant – Wilderness Trail (\$500,000)
  - Resilient Florida Vulnerability Assessment (\$500,000)





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# DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

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